The Caledonian Mercury. No. 10,180,

Price 3d.] EDINBURGH, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9. 1786.

THEATRE-ROYAL.

LAST NIGHT of the Company's Engagement.

On MONDAY Evening, December 11, 1786,

WILL BE EXHIBITED,

A Variety of Performances,

BY A SELECT COMPANY FROM

SADLERS WELLS,

VIZ.

TIGHT ROPE DANCING,

By THE LITTLE DEVIL,

THE LITTLE PEIRE,

MADAME ROMAIN,

AND LA BELLA ESPAGNIOLA.

Clown, by PIETRO BOLOGNA.

The LITTLE DEVIL will dance on the Rope with Baskets; and LA BELLA ESPAGNIOLA will dance on [illegible]ish Fetters on her Legs; and likewise Dance the Fandango with Castinets.

A Favourite Song, by Miss S. VERNELL.

TUMBLING,

By the inimitable

LITTLE DEVIL,

Mr LAURENCE,

Mr FAIRBROTHER,

Mr BALMAT,

And Signor PIETRE BOLOGNA.

Signor PIETRO BOLOGNA

Will exhibit some new Comic and entertaining performances

ON THE SLACK WIRE.

He will balance a Straw, a Peacock's Feather, display Two Flags, and beat Two Drums, in a manner never attempted by any one but himself.

A COMIC SONG, By Mr HERMAN.

To which will be added, (*third Night*)

A NEW PANTOMIME, called, The

LOVERS OF COLUMBINE;

OR, A

TRICK OF THE DEVIL.

WITH ADDITIONS.

Harlequin, by THE LITTLE DEVIL;
Pantaloon. Mr FAIRBROTHER;
French Servant, Mr BALMAT;
Magician, Mr HARMAN;
Clown, Signor PIETRO BOLOGNA;
Lover, MADAME ROMAINE;
And Columbine, LA BELLA ESPAGNIOLA.

In the course of the Pantomime, will be introduced, the much-admired DANCE, called,

LA FRICASSEE.

After which,

SIGNIOR SCALIONI,

Will exhibit with the Original, surprising

DANCING DOGS,

PARTICULARLY,

GENERAL JACKCOO,

AND

THE LITTLE DESERTER,

Will be tried by a Court Martial, condemned, and shot by a party of his Regiment.

The whole to conclude with the wonderful exertion of

AN ENGLISH BULL DOG,

Who will ascend in a PARACHUTE,

Surrounded by FIRE-WORKS.

Tickets may be had, and places for the boxes taken, at the Office of the Theatre.

Pit and Boxes 3 s. First Gallery 2 s. Second Gallery 1 s.

NEW ASSEMBLY ROOMS,

GEORGE STREET, NEW TOWN.

THE Noblemen and Gentlemen Subscribers, are requested to meet at the Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday the 13th December, at one o'clock afternoon, on business of importance, previous to the opening of the Rooms for public use.

BRITISH LINEN OFFICE,

EDINBURGH, DECEMBER 4. 1786.

THE GENERAL COURT of PROPRIETORS of the BRITISH LINEN COMPANY having ordered a dividend on their Stock for the year ending the 30th day of May last, Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors to call for the same at the Company's Office. And, in order to settle said dividend, no transfer of Stock will be made from Wednesday the 13th to Saturday the 23d current, both days inclusive.

LABORATORY,

At Boerhaave's Head.

ROBERT SCOTT, Druggist and Apothecary, High Street, Edinburgh, wishes to inform his friends and customers, that he has just received a complete assortment of genuine Drugs, which he proposes selling in wholesale and retail on the most reasonable terms. As Mr Scott gives constant attendance at the shop, physicians may depend on prescriptions being answered with accuracy.

Surgeons and families who favour Mr Scott with their commissions, will please seal their letters, to prevent mistakes, when they may depend upon being served with medicines of the best quality.

N. B. Those who are still indebted to the late Mr William Thomson, druggist, are desired, without loss of time, to make payment to Mr Scott, his successor, who will grant discharges.

Trees Cut upon Bonnington Road.

WHEREAS some wicked and audacious Person or Persons have broke into a Park upon the Bonnington road to Leith, opposite to the house of Pilrig, belonging to Mr Alexander Home, and cut down two or more large TREES, whereof one or more are carried off, and one remains still lying cut up by the root. This is offering a reward of TWO GUINEAS to any person who will give information to Mr Neilson writer, Tolbooth Wynd, Leith; or to Walter Bruce wright in Leith, so as the offender or offenders may be brought to condign punishment.—And as it is a public concern to have growing timber preserved, it is hoped a discovery will be made, so as justice may take place.

NOTICE

THAT the COPARTNERY lately subsisting under the Firm of WILLIAMSON, MONTEATH, and CO. merchants in Greenock, was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 22d ultimo; all persons to whom they are indebted will apply for payment as formerly.

ROBERT WILLIAMSON, for self, and GAVIN MONTEATH.
DAVID HARPER.

Greenock, 1st Dec. 1786.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of the deceased James Brown, wright in Bristo Street Edinburgh, are desired to meet in John's Coffeehouse, upon Wednesday next the 13th instant, at one o'clock afternoon.

S. Hutton, Haberdasher & Milliner,

EXCHANGE,

HAS fixed January next for the drawing of the LOTTERY she advertised some time ago. Must beg the favour of all those who are to purchase Tickets, that they would do it without loss of time, as she would wish to be pointed to a day, which will be announced so soon as the Tickets are nearly disposed of.—Tickets Five Shillings each.

Schemes given *gratis* at her shop.

The Goods will consist of printed Cottons and Muslins; great variety of stripped Manchester Muslins, and fine India Tweels; black, white, and coloured Sattins; Thread Lace; Silk and Cotton Stockings; Shawls; black, white, and coloured Silk Handkerchiefs; a variety of Muslins, Lawns, and Linons; with a great many other articles too tedious for a paper.

The prizes will be warranted sufficient, as they will be inspected and arranged by respectable people in business; who will also attend the drawing of the Tickets, to prevent mistakes.

At her shop every thing in the Haberdashery and Millinery line, in the genteelest stile, as usual.

Just Published,

And sold by I. DICKSON, price 6 d.

REPORT AND ESTIMATES,

RELATIVE TO

The enlarging of the Harbour of Leith;

WITH

Plans of a Bason above Leith-Mills, and another between the North Pier and the Citadel.

With Sections of Parts of the Work.

By ROBERT WHITWORTH, Esquire, Engineer.

P. FORRESTER and CO. inform their Customers, That they have as usual laid in a large and complete assortment of Jewellery, Silver Plate, and Hardware of all kinds, for the winter season; and have this week got a fresh supply of the following articles, of the newest patterns.

Plated and brown Tea Kitchens and Coffee Pots.
Silver and plated Sugar Basons and Milk Pails.
Silver and plated Sets of Castors, Tea Pots, and Salts.
Silver and plated Candlesticks of all kinds.
Plated Tureens, Decanters, and Sauce Boats.
Plated Bread Baskets and Trays.
Gold, silver, and gilt Watches.
Gold Rings, Lockets, Pins, &c.
Elastick and other plated Buckles on Steel.
A large assortment of silk and linen Umbrellas.
Ditto of silver plated and ivory handled Knives and Forks, with or without mahogany, shagreen, or paper Cases.

They have also for sale, a handsome India Tea Chest, and an elegant second-hand silver Epergne, almost as good as new, which will be sold very reasonable.

☞ The highest prices are always given for all kinds of Gold, Silver, and Lace.

WHALE OIL FOR SALE.

TO be SOLD by Private Bargain, at Dunbar, about ninety tuns of Whale Oil.

Offers for all, or any part of the Oil, may be addressed to the Directors of the Whale-fishing Company at Dunbar.

A Cornetcy to be Sold.

TO be disposed of at the regulated price, A CORNETCY in the Royal North British Regiment of Dragoons.

Apply to Matthew Sandilands writer to the signet.

NEW FRUIT.

JUST arrived from MALAGA, in the Duchess of Buccleugh, Captain Pottinger, a Cargo of NEW FRUITS, consisting of

Sun Raisins, Lexia Raisins, Malaga Figs, } in casks.
Muscatelle Raisins, Bloom Raisins, Wine Grapes, } in boxes and jars.
Jordan Almonds, Valentia Almonds, } in casks.
Lemons, China Oranges, Seville Oranges, } in boxes.

Apply to John Thomson and Company, or Thomas Waugh, Leith.

N. B. Merchants may be supplied with fine new Zant Currants in buts or small casks, by applying to Thomas Waugh, as above.

NEW FRUITS, &c.

JUST arrived from Spain, in the Betty and Bell, Robert Allan master, A cargo of New Fruits, consisting of

Sun Raisins, Lexia Raisins, Malaga Figs, } in Casks.
Muscatell Raisins, Bloom Raisins, Jordan Almonds, Valencia Almonds, } in Boxes.
Shell Almonds, in Frails.

AND

A few dozens of Spanish Shag Basses.

Apply to Walker, Thomson, and Company, Edinburgh, or to David Liddell at their warehouse, Kirkgate, Leith.

N. B. Merchants, by applying as above, may be supplied with the following wines, of the best quality, in Butts and Pipes, viz.

Sherry, Xerry, Malaga, and Red Port.

JAMAICA and GRENADA RUM,

TO be SOLD by Auction at the warehouse of William Sibbald and Company, Merchants, Leith, upon Friday the 29th December, at eleven o'clock forenoon,

Sixty Puncheons of Rum in Bond.

ALSO

Thirty Bags of Fine Cotton, and
Ten Tons Fustick.

Samples may be seen at any time, by applying as above.

APPLES AND ONIONS.

A QUANTITY of very fine DUTCH APPLES and ONIONS, for SALE.

Purchasers will be kind enough to apply at the Carron Warehouse, Leith. *7th December 1786.*

Bottle, Flint, and Window GLASS.

THE Proprietors of LEITH GLASSHOUSES, who have long carried on the manufacture of Bottles, under the firm of

THE EDINBURGH GLASSHOUSE COMPANY,

Have lately extended their Works, and can now supply the Public with all kinds of

FLINT GLASS, WINDOW GLASS, and BOTTLES, on reasonable terms.

Orders may be addressed to Archibald Geddes at the Works.

Leith Glasshouses, 25th Nov. 1786.

Dramatic Readings.

On THURSDAY next, Dec. 14th, at *seven* o'clock in the Evening, in DUNN'S ASSEMBLY ROOM,

Will be read, the substance of

THE TRAGEDY OF RICHARD III.

With the FARCE of

THE APPRENTICE.

Between the Play and Farce,

SMOLLET'S ODE TO INDEPENDENCE.

Admittance Two Shillings.—Tickets may be had at Mr Scott's house in the Trunk Close.

Mr Scott intends to give a similar Reading of some favourite Play and Farce, with an intermediate piece of Poetry, every Thursday, for a few weeks; which, he is hopeful, will prove a *rational* and *elegant* entertainment. The Plays of Shakespeare, to which he means chiefly to confine himself, are calculated to show the beauties of reading as well as of acting; and it is possible that a judicious audience may relish them highly, though unaccompanied with theatrical gesture and decoration. To enliven the performance, however, the delivery will be enforced with action as far as propriety will admit, and the principal speeches and soliloquies recited entirely without book.

N. B. The room will be sufficiently warmed.

EDINBURGH, *Dec.* 9. 1786.

MR NICOL's Class for Euclid's Elements of Geometry, will begin on Wednesday next, the 13th current, at eight o'clock in the morning. His Class for Ancient and Modern Geography will be opened the same day, at seven o'clock in the evening. The other branches of his plan of Mercantile Education, as formerly advertised, are taught from ten to one o'clock forenoon, and from four to six o'clock afternoon.

This Day is Published,

A CATALOGUE of a rare and valuable Collection of BOOKS, the Libraries of Mr David Lindsay, lately deceased, and an eminent Clergyman; to be sold off without reserve, by auction, at the large room next door to Mr Fyffe's Umbrella Wareroom, every evening next week. The Scots and Civil Law Books will be on Tuesday.

N. B. W. MARTIN's Catalogue of the Caledonian Circulating Library is published, containing many rare and interesting Books. Price Sixpence.

These several Catalogues to be had of W. MARTIN, Lawnmarket.

MRS SPALDING Confectioner, having so much experienced the attention of her friends and acquaintances in the way of her business, embraces this opportunity of returning them her most grateful thanks for all their favours. She begs leave to acquaint them, and the public in general, that she continues to carry on business in the Mint, and at the Cross, where she hopes still to retain a share of the public favour. At the above places is manufactured and sold White and Stocking Thread of all kinds.

N. B. A Hair-powder Mill, and a large Mill for grinding Barks or Sugar, to be disposed of.

TOLBOOTH WYND, LEITH, *Dec.* 8. 1786.

DONALD RYRIE returns his most grateful thanks to his Friends and Customers for past favours, and takes the liberty of informing them, That he has just got to hand, a good assortment of TEAS, SUGARS, and SPICERIES; a parcel of RUSSIA TONGUES, of an excellent flavour, and large size; and likewise a good assortment of the NEW FRUITS, just arrived, with a variety of other articles in the Grocery line, all of which he is enabled to sell on equal terms with any dealer in the place.

D. R. continues to manufacture all kinds of CONFECTIONS; to which he has added the baking of all the different kinds of GINGERBREAD, both for sea and land, which he makes of a superior quality to any to be got here, and considerably cheaper when quantities are ordered.

Seed Cake, Plume Cake, Buns, Diet Loaves, and all kinds of Tarts ready baked.

Orders from the country punctually attended to.

☞ D. RYRIE, to accommodate his Friends in the North, has always on hand at his Warehouse in Thurso, a large stock of Teas and Sugars, Dye Stuffs, Iron and Steel, New Hops, Pot Barley, and Flour, with every other article in the Grocery line, which he sells 2 per cent. cheaper than any one in the Country.

Orders addressed to Mr Niel Ryrie, at Thurso, will be carefully attended to.

WANTED,

By order of His Grace the DUKE of RICHMOND Master General, and Honourable BOARD of ORDNANCE,

To Complete the Artificer Company at Gibraltar,

VIZ.

GOOD STONE-CUTTERS, and able Workmen for Square, Moulded, or Groin Work.

MASONS,—Good Setters and Wallers.

BRICKLAYERS,—For Square, Arched, or Groin Work.

CARPENTERS,—Skilled in framing for Roofs, Floors, &c. and Joiner's Work for finishings.

SMITHS,—For the Fire, making or repairing Machines, and various Iron Work, and to judge the proper heat for Tempering Iron, &c. for tools or other service.

A Bounty of 3 l. 13 s. 6 d. will be given to each Recruit, viz. One Guinea and a Crown on his being attested, and the remainder on his embarkation for Gibraltar.

None need apply under the age of twenty-one years, or upwards of forty, or who cannot have a good recommendation. The preference will be given to single men: but this is not meant to negative expert workmen, and men of good character, though married.

N. B. When disabled by age or infirmities, they will be entitled to a pension from the Honourable Board of Ordnance, of Sixpence *per diem*.

For particulars, enquire at the Engineer's Office, at the Castle, Edinburgh.

HEN. RUDYERD,
Capt. Commanding Engineer,
North Britain.

EDINBURGH, *December* 2. 1786.

NOTICE

To the RELATIONS of the deceased JOHN WEIR, late Merchant in Lauriestone near Falkirk.

AT a General Meeting of Mr Weir's Relations, and their doers, held on the 15th November last, a deed of trust and submission for recovering the funds, ascertaining the propinquity of the claimants in the succession, and dividing the same in terms of Mr Weir's settlement, was laid before them and approved. The deed is now executed by several of the relations, and those that have not yet signed it, are requested to do so by themselves, or persons properly authorised by them, between and the 18th January next; with certification to them who fail, that the arbiter will then proceed to realize the funds, and divide them among such of the Relations as shall then have signed the deed of trust and submission.

The deed is in the hands of Mr James Jollie, writer to the signet, on whom the parties will call to sign it.

This Day is Published,

And sold by JAMES DICKSON, Edinburgh, and P. EDWARD, St Andrew's,

Price half-bound, Four Shillings and Sixpence,

The Elements of Mathematical Analysis,

Abridged for the Use of Students.

By NICOLAS VILANT, A. M. F. R. S. Edinburgh,

And Regius Professor of Mathematics in the University of St Andrew's.

Dantzick Honey, Russia Linens, &c.

FORRESTERS and CO. at the Russia Warehouse, within the Royal Exchange, Edinburgh, have just now got to hand a few casks of exceeding fine Dantzick Honey, equal in quality to that of this country, which they are selling wholesale and retail, on the most moderate terms.

They have also on hand a good assortment of
Russia and Scots Sheetings, from 13 d. to 5 s. per yard.
Scots Hollands, Irish Linens.
Broad and Narrow Diapers, Kitchen Towellings.
Manchester and printed Bed Quilts, all kinds.
Russia and Scots printed Linens, from 14d to 20d. per yd.
Fine grey and spotted Fur Cloak-Linings.
Great variety of Table Napery and Wine Rubbers.
Pocket and Neck Handkerchiefs, &c.

N. B. The Honey is contained in casks of about 25 pints each, for wholesale customers; but, if less is wanted, it may be had in one and two pint cans.

The late forcible seizure of Lady Strathmore's person brings to the recollection of a correspondent a similar circumstance which occurred about twenty-four years ago. The case was as follows: —— Mr Strode, who, from being one of the finest men of the age, was termed, in the fashionable circles, Handsome Strode, at an early period of his life had a commission in the Guards, and residing near a young lady, then a minor, but entitled, when she should become of age, to a very large fortune, he soon ingratiated himself so far in her good graces as to prevail on her to marry him. The Marriage Act not having then passed, the ceremony was privately performed, and the whole kept secret. The multiplicity of amours, and the various species of dissipation in which Mr Strode indulged himself, so totally alienated the affections of his bride, that she at length abhorred the very name of her husband, who, on his part, became equally indifferent. It was at last settled by a correspondence, that a mutual estrangement should take place, each taking no more notice of the other than if nothing had passed; which was so far observed, that for a series of years Mr Strode scarcely knew the place of his wife's residence; and she only heard of him as a man of the town, the turf, and the gaming table. During this period, Mrs Strode remained under the protection of a Solicitor residing in Surry Street in the Strand. After a series of years being elapsed, Mr Strode having parted with his commission, and his usual resources failing, experienced such a reverse of fortune as to be in extreme distress; his wife, on the contrary, was in the possession of near 70,000 l.

This was an invitation for the exercise of stratagem. It was impossible to get the fortune, unless the person of his wife could be obtained, the marriage never having been consummated, nor had the parties ever cohabited together. Every overture which fair means could suggest was tried, but in vain; nor could Mrs Strode be prevailed on even to admit a visit from her husband in the presence of as many persons as she might choose. Thus defeated, a cabinet council of his friends was held, to deliberate on the necessary measures in so desperate a case. At this meeting a plan was laid to attempt that by violence which could not be accomplished by softer methods. It was determined to watch the opportunity which the absence of her temporary protector from home might render favourable to the design, and to employ subordinate agents who should rush into the house, and force Mrs Strode into a chaise and four, provided for the purpose, the drivers being previously ordered to make every expedition. A friend of Mr Strode was to be in the chaise to receive, and, if possible, to pacify the Lady, and Mr Strode was to follow in another carriage. The plan was put in execution, the Lady forced out of the house, and conveyed to one of the present principal taverns at Richmond. At first, as may be supposed, Mrs Strode was in violent agonies, but knowing the gentleman with whom she was seated, she became more temperate, and consented to taste some refreshment. This point gained, a more difficult one ensued, which was to reconcile her to a sight of her husband, who was in an adjacent apartment. Half the night passed in endeavouring to accomplish this; but at last she consented to a conversation of only half an hour. Mr Strode entered, threw himself at her feet, apologized for his conduct, and promised amendment. She continued inexorable; he retired. His friends then proposed rest, as a proper restorative of her discomposed spirits. She at last assented, and one favour more was asked, which was, that her husband might take a final farewell. It was not unreasonable; she granted it: and at this farewell interview it was, that the wife admitted rest to be equally essential for her husband, and permitted him access to her bed. Thus the scheme, which might otherwise have proved unfavourable to some of the parties concerned, was happily accomplished to the gratification of all. To render every thing still more effectual, Mr Strode and his lady were re-married, and he became possessed of her fortune. Whether one or both the parties be now living, is a fact unknown to the relater of this anecdote. The solicitor advertised the [illegible]zure of the lady's person, and offered a considerable reward for the discovery of the persons concerned; but Mrs Strode, on being reconciled to her husband, caused an advertisement to be published, declaring that she voluntarily left the house of the solicitor, which stopped all further proceedings.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, *Dec.* 5.

December 2. 1786.

ON Thurſday laſt, the 30th of November, Mr Richard Davis, of Lowknor, Oxfordſhire, was ſworn and admitted into the office and place of Topographer in Ordinary to his Majeſty, in the room of Mr George King, deceaſed.

General Poſt-Office, Dec. 5. 1786.

In conſequence of a warrant from the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, Charles Bonnor, Eſq; is appointed by his Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General to be Reſident Surveyor and Deputy to the Surveyor and Comptroller-General.

Florence, Nov. 7.

Yeſterday died, after a long illneſs, Sir Horace Mann, Baronet, and Knight of the Bath, his Britannic Majeſty's Envoy Extraordinary and Miniſter Plenipotentiary at this Court, where he has reſided upwards of forty-ſix years.

War-Office, Dec. 5. 1786.

17th Regiment of foot, Captain-Lieutenant Marmaduke Warren Peacocke, from the half-pay of the late 88th regiment, is appointed to be Captain of a company, vice Brevet-Major Perkins Magra.

Sir Clifton Wintringham, Bart. to be Phyſician General to his Majeſty's forces, vice Sir Edward Wilmot

Thomas Seggart, Gent. to be Deputy Commiſſary of the Muſters at Scilly, vice —— Mathews.

LLOYD's LIST, *Dec.* 5.

THE Lyon, Smith, from Liverpool to Jamaica, is returned to Liverpool with the loſs of her maſts.

The Ormond, Kennedy, from Liverpool to Africa, is loſt near Wexford.

The Ann, Swann, from Liverpool for Newry, is on ſhore near Dundalk, the cargo ſaved.

The Willing Tom, Cooper, from Virginia and Maryland to London, put into Norfolk in Virginia, leaky.

The Earl Talbot, Taylor, ſailed from Madras to Bengal, and was to return to Madras before ſhe proceeded on her voyage to China.

The Squire, Thorp, from Newfoundland, paſſed Malaga the 1d ult.

The William and Mary, Holman, for Newfoundland, is returned to Briſtol, after being out ten weeks, owing to ſtrong weſterly gales.

The Jamaica, Malcolm, from Hull to North Carolina, ſprung a leak and put into Sneem harbour in the river Kenmare, where ſhe run on ſhore with ſix feet water in her hold.

The Villa De Havre, ——, from St Domingo, is on ſhore near Cherburg.

Extract of a letter from Peterſburgh, 27th Oct. Very ſuddenly our river was yeſterday cloſed with ice, by which many Engliſh veſſels will be detained all the winter. The following ſhips are ſuppoſed to be caught by the ice, at and near Cronſtadt:—Charming Harriot, Wray; Concord, Codd; and William and Thomas, Nurſaw, for Hull; Betſey and Brothers, Wiſhart; and Peggy and Betſey, Gray, for Leith; Elizabeth, Watſon; Thetis, Regail; Fanny, Stevenſon; Advice, Lotherington; Nancy, Keddy; Favourite, White; William and Ann, Broderick; Hemſley, Parker; Prudence, Halder; and Baltic Merchant, Holliday, for London; Centurion, Godman, from Hull; Empreſs, Stratham, from Carron; and Henrietta Scott, Halſon, from ——.

Captain Nairne, of the Friendſhip, arrived in the river from Quebec, took up the crew of the Providence, Hancock, from Newfoundland to Cadiz; ſhe being diſmaſted and very leaky, the crew had quitted her.

The Robert and Suſannah, Duncan, from Liſbon, having ſtove her ſide, and loſt an anchor and cable, is put into Ramſgate.

The Peace and Plenty, Stranack, from Baltimore to Hamburg, is put into Ramſgate leaky, with loſs of anchors and cables, and it is thought muſt unload.

The Nra Sra de Begona, Haxxa, from Bilboa to London, is loſt near Newhaven; Captain and four men drowned.

The Hope, Wyatt, from London to Halifax, is returned to Falmouth, after being out eleven weeks; the ſhip and cargo damaged.

The Rodney, Campbell, from Newfoundland to England, is loſt on the coaſt of Ireland

The Gabriel Steward, Elmes, from London to Liſbon, was run foul of in the Downs, and is put into Ramſgate with loſs of anchors and cables.

LONDON, *Dec.* 6.

This day his Majeſty came from Windſor to St James's to the levee and Council, which was held on India affairs.

The Eaſt India Company have received advice that their ſhip the Earl Talbot, Captain Taylor, had ſailed from Madras to Bengal, and was to return to Madras before ſhe proceeds to China.

The Prince of Wales dined with the Earl of Oxford, at Houghton Hall, on Wedneſday laſt; and on Thurſday with Lord Townſhend at Raiſham, at both which places his Royal Highneſs was much entertained with ſhooting; having, it is ſaid, killed 28 and a half brace of pheaſants, and 85 brace of hares, during his continuance in that part of the country.

His Grace the Duke of Northumberland is expected to be nominated Viceroy of a neighbouring kingdom, in the courſe of a few days.

A coalition of intereſts is expected to take place among the leading and popular characters in both Houſes, by which the enſuing Seſſion of Parliament will be rendered at once ſhort and cool.

It is ſtill prevalent among many of the Gentlemen of the Law, that Lord Thurlow will be the new Chief Juſtice of the King's Bench.

It is now ſaid that Earl Mansfield's reſignation will not take place till juſt before the meeting of Parliament.

A patent of Peerage is now making out for Sir Francis Buller, preparatory to his taking the chief ſeat in the Court of King's Bench.

Yeſterday the American Plenipotentiary preſented the Rev. Dr White of Pennſylvania, and the Rev. Dr Provoſt of New York, to his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury, to be conſecrated Biſhops for the United States. The Rev. Dr Griffith of Virginia is to be made a third, to complete the Government of the Epiſcopal Church in thoſe States, much to the ſatisfaction of the laity there, who conſtantly oppoſed prelacy, until the States became Independent Republics, like thoſe of Switzerland, where even the Popiſh and Proteſtant Cantons preſerve their religious ſyſtems without diſturbing their civil fœderal Union. Nay, in ſome places, as in Germany, they worſhip under the ſame roof alternately Such is the liberality of ſentiments in this enlightened age.

Yeſterday a writ was iſſued by the Clerk of the Crown for electing a member for the Borough of Minehead, in the county of Somerſet, vacant by the death of Charles Phipps, Eſq.

Several merchants of this city received advices laſt Saturday, that the Commercial Treaty between Great Britain and Ruſſia had been ſigned at Peterſburgh, about the middle of laſt month; that the baſis of the treaty was founded upon the treaty between this country and Ruſſia, made by Lord Macartney in 1776; which was for twenty-five years, and which is hereby renewed, with ſome additional articles; the principles of which are taken from the naval treaty made in 1781, called the *Armed Neutrality*.

We can aſſure the public from unqueſtionable authority, ſays a morning paper, that Miniſters have changed their intention with regard to Botany Bay, and inſtead of fixing the intended ſettlement at that place, it is determined to ſend the convicts to the iſland of New Norfolk.

The reaſons that have induced Government to change the deſtination are various. The immenſe extent of New Holland rendered it highly unfit for the projected ſettlement. It would have been impoſſible to prevent the convicts from travelling to ſpots diſtant from the government, and convenient for piracy; and when once a neſt of pirates was formed, it muſt from various concurring circumſtances have grown ſo rapidly, as to become dangerous to our China trade. The extent of coaſt, too, would have rendered it impoſſible for all the navy of England to guard it.

Another idea which Miniſters had in regard to Botany Bay, they have from conviction of its fallacy relinquiſhed. They thought that our Eaſt India poſſeſſions might have been ſupplied with hemp and ſtores from this place. On enquiry they find it highly impolitic to truſt to ſo precarious a reſource, and therefore abandoning this project, they have returned to their original ſcheme of ſending the convicts to New Norfolk—we ſay their original ſcheme, for, a twelvemonth ago, Miniſters took up the idea of ſending the convicts to this iſland, and took the ſenſe of the India Company on the topic, as without their conſent it could not be carried into execution.

Mr Dalrymple, whoſe knowledge of that part of the world is highly reſpected, was referred to on that occaſion, and he gave an opinion decidedly againſt the ſettlement; and adviſed the Company, in a well-written letter, by no means to ſuffer the infringement on their charter. His advice had weight for the time, but this ſummer the ſcheme was renewed, only with the difference of deſtination to Botany Bay inſtead of New Norfolk.

The ſhip Beliſarius, which is to carry out the blacks and others, who are to form a new ſettlement on the coaſt of Africa, dropped down to Graveſend on Friday laſt. The intended ſettlement is to be eſtabliſhed on a much broader baſis than was at firſt intended. It is not to conſiſt ſolely of blacks, but of whites and blacks. A regular government, ſuch as that at Senegal, or Cape Coaſt, is to be formed; and lands are to be allotted to the blacks who are ſent out from Europe. They are to be under the protection of a regular fort, ſuch as we had at Goree, which is to be built without delay: The Beliſarius carries out Engineers for that purpoſe; and the blacks are to be paid for aſſiſting in carrying on the works. The place fixed upon for this fort is a ſpot near Cape St Anne, on one of the banks of the *Sierra Leon*, a river on the coaſt of Guinea, which empties itſelf into the Atlantic Ocean, ſeveral leagues to the ſouthward of the Gambia. At this fort will reſide a Governor, who is to be veſted with civil and military powers; and to be aſſiſted with a Council, without whoſe concurrence he cannot act in caſes of capital puniſhment.

A memorial from ſeveral merchants in the Mediterranean trade, has been lately preſented to government, praying a better protection of their trade againſt the depredations of the veſſels belonging to the States of Barbary.

The only reform intended to be brought on the tapis next ſeſſions, is, a reform of the conſtitution of the towns and burghs of Scotland, which are, at preſent, in a miſerable ſtate for want of a reform—a ſtate which Engliſhmen cannot look upon without pity; and it is hoped the ſpirit of the Scotch will be generally rouſed to every exertion that may emancipate them from the ſlavery of a venal and corrupt magiſtracy.

We underſtand that the object of Lady Strathmore's friends, with reſpect to Mr Bowes, is not merely vindictive. The future eſtabliſhment of the unfortunate Lady in comfort, ſecurity, and affluence, is perhaps the more immediate view of their preſent deſigns; and if Mr B—ſhould have been incorrect in his affidavits, or if his other proceedings have been ſo irregular as to give him alarm for the conſequences of conviction, he may be induced to make ſuch ſaving terms as will anſwer better than puniſhment, and the continual interruption of his tranquillity, which will be occaſioned by an obſtinate adherence to the legal privileges he may poſſeſs as Lady Strathmore's huſband.

On Friday laſt, Mr Bowes exhibited certain allegations in the Court of Arches, in Lady Strathmore's caſe, and prayed the Court for leave to ſupport them by exhibits of affidavits. The Court will determine upon the admiſſibility of the ſaid atteſtations, the firſt court day.

An application has been made to the Court at Doctor's Commons, to grant a certificate of excommunication againſt a well-known character, for contumaciouſly refuſing to appear in the Eccleſiaſtical Court, to prove a *nuncupative will*. The certificate was refuſed; if it had been granted, it would have been produced in the Court of King's Bench, and a writ of *Excommunicatio capiendo* would have iſſued of courſe; an apprehenſion would then have been the immediate conſequence.

The work which Mr Bigland, late Garter King at Arms, left behind him at his deceaſe, and which is now publiſhing, is one of the moſt curious for hiſtorical, monumental, and genealogical collections, (if we may judge from the firſt number) of any thing of the kind which has made its appearance in the world of literature for ſome years paſt.

A nuncupative will is made by the laſt words of the deceaſed, in the nature of a requeſt. The words muſt be ſpoken in the preſence of a ſtated number of witneſſes; and a certain perſon happens to be one. He does not deny the fact; but ſets up an excuſe that as he is the mutual friend of both parties both for and againſt, he will not meddle in the buſineſs.

Yeſterday, a Committee of the Court of Aldermen, conſiſting of the four City Members and others, was appointed, upon the French commercial treaty. The eighteenth article of this treaty entirely takes away and annihilates, the *Package*, *Scavage*, and *Balliage* of the city of London; does away the *Rights* of the fellowſhip of Porters, and all other *Free* Porters; alſo all *Free* Watermen, Lightermen, &c. for the words of this article of the treaty are,

"XVIII. It is further agreed and concluded, that all merchants, commanders of ſhips and others, ſhall have full liberty to manage their own affairs themſelves, or to commit them to the management of whomſoever they pleaſe; nor ſhall they be obliged to employ any interpreter or broker, nor to pay them any ſalary, unleſs they ſhall chuſe to employ them. Moreover, maſters of ſhips ſhall not be obliged, in loading or unloading their ſhips, to make uſe of thoſe perſons who may be appointed by public authority for that purpoſe; but it ſhall be entirely free for them to load or unload their ſhips by themſelves, or to make uſe of ſuch perſons in loading or unloading the ſame, as they ſhall think fit, without the payment of any reward to any other perſon whomſoever."

A deputation from the Committee are to wait upon the Miniſter, in order to obtain an alteration of this article; by inſerting in the Tariff, or book of rates, a particular ſpecification of the rights and privileges of the city of London.

A new ſpecies of exportation is lately ſtarted up, viz. *aſſes* for the Weſt-India Iſlands. It ſeems, they are found exceedingly uſeful in carrying the canes, proviſions, &c. over the hilly parts of the iſlands.

The laſt accounts from Madras mention, that Mr Seton, the celebrated portrait painter, who has reſided ſeveral years in India, and made an ample fortune, had embarked for St Helena on his voyage to England.

Mr Humphries the hiſtory painter has had full practice at Madras, and was when the letters came away preparing for a voyage to Calcutta.

Anna-Maria Ducheſs of Civrac died at Paris, a few days ſince. She has left 100 louis per annum, to be diſtributed among diſtreſſed Engliſh, Scots, and Iriſh, who ſhall be deemed proper objects of charity in that metropolis.

Lately died at Zutpham, in Guelderland, Sir James Gordon, of Embo, Bart. Colonel in the ſervice of their High Mightineſſes the States of Holland. He is ſucceeded by his brother (now Sir William Gordon) an officer in the Norfolk militia.

We learn from Vienna, that a treaty is on foot between his Imperial Majeſty and the Court of Berlin, to exchange mutually thoſe parts of Sileſia that lie contiguous to each of thoſe Sovereign's territories.

Of all the numerous Addreſſes preſented to the States of Holland, the moſt remarkable is that of the Burghers of Dordrecht. They, by no means, mince the matter; but expreſs themſelves in a ſtile equally bold and pointed. They therein declare, that to the bad adminiſtration of the preſent Stadtholder, during the war with England, may juſtly be aſcribed all thoſe calamities which have befallen the Republic ſince that period.—That what has been done in the Province of Guelderland, ſhows, that William V. may be looked upon as a man dangerous to the freedom of the Republic.—That it would be improvident to truſt him any longer with the executive power.—That his verboſe letter is, in many reſpects, inſulting; replete with falſe premiſſes, and tedious repetition of unſupported apologies.—That he has never given the leaſt real proof of the zeal which he boaſts of ſo highly, in his letter of the 10th of October, to the States of Holland.—That it would have been better for him, not to adhere ſo ſervilely to the meaſures adopted by the Prince of the Houſe from which he ſprings, &c.—The Burghers, in concluſion, return thanks to the States, for the noble ſtand they have made againſt the alarming encroachments of Stadtholderian deſpotiſm; declaring themſelves ready to lay down their lives in ſupport of the generous exertion which their Noble and High Mightineſſes ſhall make, in order to protect the Republic againſt all attack and violence.

The Prince of Orange has taken up his reſidence, with his whole family and Court, at the town of Nimeguen, in the northermoſt part of Guelderland, which province has eſpouſed his cauſe moſt zealouſly, and oppoſed, with a patriotic warmth, all the malevolent proceedings againſt the Stadtholder, inſomuch that they may be ſaid to ſtand almoſt alone on his part. If the government of the States General ſhould ever be ſo unwiſe as to make a direct attack on the Prince's hereditary rights, (which they have hitherto done only in an oblique way) his Highneſs could not have choſen a better poſture, as he is in the midſt of his tried friends; and its vicinity to the duchy of Cleves is ſuch, as that a large army from his brother in-law, the King of Pruſſia, may come to his aſſiſtance in a very ſhort period of time. An eye has no doubt been had to this, which cauſed the Stadtholder to remove from Zealand, where he was received in the moſt flattering manner, not only by the populace, but by the States themſelves.

The preſent commotions in the United Provinces muſt be terminated in one or other of theſe three ways: Either, firſt, they muſt be ſettled amicably, whether without the intervention of foreign powers, or with it; or, ſecondly, they muſt be ſettled by a civil war, in which no foreign power ſhall have any ſhare; or, thirdly, they muſt be ſettled by a war, in which their neighbours will take a part. That ever the diſordered affairs of the Provinces will be ſettled without any appeal to arms, is not to be expected. Sir John Davies, a wit, a philoſopher, a ſtateſman, a man diſtinguiſhed for learning, in a learned age, ſays, that unbroken, paſſionate, and headſtrong nations are not to be ſettled in habits of peace, without the aid of the ſword, any more than fruitful crops are to be raiſed on rough and unbroken ground, without the aid of the ſpade or plough-ſhare." "The ground (ſays the Attorney General of Ireland) is firſt broken down and mouldered, and then the ſeed is thrown into it with advantage, ſo prepared. In like manner the humours of a nation are firſt to be conquered by war, and then, but not till then, it will ſubmit to new and peaceable regulations." He applies this metaphorical reaſoning to the hiſtory of Ireland, which had for centuries reſiſted all the attempts that had been made to eſtabliſh and ſpread throughout the whole of that iſland the laws of England, becauſe the Iriſh nation had never been effectually ſubdued before the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by the ſword. But after they were conquered, they were civilized by the wiſe policy of King James I.—It is not credible, that the violent paſſions that now diſtract the Dutch nation, will ever be compoſed without an appeal to arms. But the queſtion reſts here—Is this appeal to be made by the different parties in the Republic themſelves only, or is it to be made alſo by neighbouring nations?

On Tueſday laſt an unfortunate accident happened at Swinford, near Lutterworth, in Leiceſterſhire. One Samuel Hill, labourer to Thomas Newton, a farmer, having finiſhed his work, went into a barn to eat his dinner, and ſeeing his maſter's old coat hanging there, he had the curioſity to ſearch the pockets, in which he found a tin box, containing arſenic, mixed with butter and malt-meal, which had been ſome time before prepared for the purpoſe of poiſoning rats. The poor man, after taſting, and finding it ſweet, ſuppoſed it to be honey and butter, and ſpreading a part of it upon a piece of bread, he directly eat it, but was ſoon after ſeized with a violent vomiting, and expired in great agonies about eleven o'clock the ſame night.

A letter from Saxmundham, in Suffolk, ſays, that laſt Wedneſday morning a dreadful fire broke out at a Farmer's near that town, which conſumed two barns full of corn, all his ſtables, cow-houſes, and other outbuildings, a granary full of corn, and ſeveral horſes and cows periſhed in the flames.

Briſtol, Dec. 2. On Wedneſday laſt, at the fulleſt meeting of the corporation of this city ever known, (ſix members only being abſent) James Kirkpatrick, Eſq; was unanimouſly elected to the office of Town-Clerk, void by the reſignation of Sir Abraham Elton, Bart. and Mr Iſaac Matthews was elected to the office of Water-Bailiff, void by the death of Mr Iſaac Wheeler; after which Mr Noble called the attention of the Houſe to the office of High Steward of this city, vacated by the death of the late Earl of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain. He remarked, that it was for the honour of the city this office ſhould be filled, as thereby the corporation at once connected itſelf with, and had an opportunity to expreſs ſtrongly their reſpect and veneration for thoſe virtues which alone ought to recommend any perſon to their choice. He then moved, and was ſeconded by Mr Harford, "That the houſe do now proceed to fill up the office of High Steward, vacant by the death of Philip Earl of Hardwicke." which, after a ſhort converſation, was agreed to without a diviſion.

Mr Noble then informed the Houſe, that he would propoſe to their conſideration a nobleman, eminent in public, and univerſally reſpected and beloved in private life, for every talent and virtue which could endear a man to his country and his friends. Theſe virtues and talents were ſo univerſally admitted to be conſpicuous in the Duke of Portland, that he could not doubt a moment of the approbation of the Houſe when he moved, and he accordingly moved, "That his Grace the Duke of Portland be elected High Steward of this city." This motion being alſo ſeconded by Mr Harford, and the queſtion put thereon, his Grace was inſtantly and unanimouſly elected to that ancient and moſt honourable office.

Extract of a letter from Portſmouth, by expreſs, Dec. 5.

"The ſhips for Botany-Bay are to rendezvous at Spithead in a fortnight from this date; the convicts now in the Fortune priſon-ſhip will then be delivered, and the whole fleet will leave the Channel by Chriſtmas. A quantity of ſtores is prepared in the king's yard here for their ſupply.

"The Saliſbury and Winchelſea ſhips of war are come into harbour, and remain with the guardſhips as before."

Extract of a letter from Liſbon, Nov. 20.

"Meſſ. Walpole and Fawkener, the two Britiſh Envoys, having opened their new commiſſion, tranſact buſineſs daily with the Miniſters of her moſt Faithful Majeſty, and the Treaty is reported to be ſo forward, that a very few weeks will bring it to a concluſion; indeed, except in the article of the duties on goods imported to or from either country, the body of commerce is nearly the ſame as heretofore."

Extract of a letter from Zerkee in Zealand, Nov. 26.

"Every Thing is now done to throw our city into confuſion. It is evident that there are inſidious exertions to expoſe our brave Magiſtrates to the fury of the populace, who are provoked againſt them by their enemies. The peaſants of our Iſland are in open revolt: They have already appeared in bodies in the town, decorated with the fatal emblems of war, and are raiſing ſhouts of ſedition. They have had the audacity to appear at divine worſhip with that air of ferocity with characteriſes the ſeditious. On the next day the Magiſtrates forbid any perſon to carry theſe colours which make a diſtinction between parties. The publication of this order did not intimidate any of theſe perſons who are payed for diſturbing the tranquillity of Zealand. On Thurſday, the market day, the peaſants returned in greater numbers than on Sunday, and proceeded to exceſſes which the Chief Magiſtrate and his aſſiſtants were not able to reſiſt; the Magiſtrate was inſulted, beat off, and ill-treated. This officer of police called in the aid of the Swiſs Regiment of Marty, in garriſon here, who ſcattered the mutineers, after ſeizing two who there is reaſon to believe are ring-leaders. They are committed to priſon. A report ſpreads that the greater part of the peaſants mean to come and reſcue their aſſociates; the guards are

doubled, the patrole is kept ſtrictly, and the gates of the town kept ſhut. Our regents have called upon Middleburgh for a re-enforcement of troops. It is remembered that the ſedition of 1747 and 1748 began in Zealand, and gained from thence upon the ſeven United Provinces like lightening. Although this is a bad anſwer, yet it is hoped that the ſeditious of Zealand will not ſucceed ſo readily for this time, to overturn the conſtitution, and introduce the reign of deſpotiſm on a free people."

Particulars of the eſcape of Benjamin Grigſon from Yarmouth Goal.

Benjamin Grigſon (who made his eſcape from Yarmouth goal on the 3d of October laſt) being ſuſpected by a woman in the priſon of tampering with his irons, ſhe communicated her ſuſpicions to the goaler, who thereupon ordered the ſmith to examine them. Accordingly he went there about nine in the evening of Monday the 2d of October for that purpoſe. The priſoner being in bed begged it as a favour that he would not diſturb him then, but call in the morning; to which he conſented, not being under any apprehenſion of his attempting to eſcape. However, the next morning, about nine o'clock, the keeper not being in the way, and the priſoner ſeeing the woman with the keys, he wrenched them from her, let himſelf out of the priſon, locked the door after him, and put the keys in his pocket. Having thus liberated himſelf, he however walked but aukwardly, not being able to get his irons off; yet he managed them ſo well that they could neither be ſeen nor heard. When in the ſtreet he ſaw a gentleman coming, who looked very attentively at him; upon which he turned down one of the rows. The particularity of his dreſs, and ſudden diſappearance, excited the gentleman's curioſity, and he quickened his pace in order to come up with him. Grigſon being of courſe very fearful of a diſcovery, immediately took ſhelter in the houſe of a woman, to whom he was an entire ſtranger, and falling inſtantly on his knees, requſted her, for God's ſake, to conceal him, for that he was an unfortunate man who had been guilty of forgery. The woman ſeeing him in great agitation of mind, and he being a well-looking young fellow, ſhe yielded to his intreaties, and ſecreted him under two beds, with his face downwards, ſo that he was enabled to breathe between the cordage of the bedſtead. This ſhe had no ſooner done, than the gentleman entered the houſe; and notwithſtanding his kind protectreſs denied his being there, yet as he knew the man he had juſt ſeen could not be far off, he went up ſtairs and examined the beds, but without effect. It was remarkable, that the woman lay upon two beds, which not being made, the impreſſion of a perſon's having ſlept thereon was ſtill preſerved, notwithſtanding Grigſon was under them in the middle. By this time, the circumſtances of his eſcape from priſon had got abroad, and hundreds of people were gathered about the houſe. Many went up ſtairs, examined the beds, and ſearched every where elſe to no purpoſe. As ſoon however as theſe perſons had left the chamber (the ſtreet door being open, and people going in and out) he got off his irons; put on a ſailor's dreſs the woman gave him, diſfigured his face, and with bread and cheeſe in his hands, walked out of the houſe, and unſuſpectedly mixed with the croud; and although every method was purſued to ſecure him again, he got clear off. A letter has been received from him ſince, by a clergyman at Yarmouth; in which he thanks him for the books he had ſo kindly lent him whilſt in priſon; but it cannot be diſcovered from whence this letter was ſent.

PRICE of STOCKS, Dec. 6.

Bank Stock —	Ditto 1778, 1779, 13 9-16ths.
3 per cent. red. 73⅞ a ⅜	India Stock, —
3 per cent. con. 74⅛ a ⅜	Ditto Ann. —
3 per cent. 1726, —	India Bonds, 85.
4 per cent. con. 92⅝ a ¾	South Sea Stock, —
5 per cent. Ann. 112⅛ a ¼	Old Ann. —
Bank Long Ann. 11⅛ a 15-16ths.	New ditto, —
Ditto Short 1777, —	3 per cent. 1751, —
	New Navy Bills, 2½ diſc.
	Lottery Tickets, 14 l. 17 s. 6 d.
	Exch. Bills, —

EDINBURGH.

[On account of the late Alteration in the arrival and departure of the London Mail, this Paper is now publiſhed every TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY.

Extract of a letter from London, Dec. 6.

"The whole code of naval laws have undergone a reviſion, and are to be laid before the next Council.

"It is confidently reported, that the influence of a certain law Lord with a certain great perſonage, grows every day more and more on the decline. The reaſon of this is variouſly related, but has never been ſo manifeſt as on the appointment of a ſucceſſor to Earl Mansfield. Sir L—d K——n was never given up; but the intereſt of Earl Bathurſt, in favour of his nephew, Mr Juſtice Buller, ſeconded by Earl Mansfield, carried it againſt the recommendation of the noble Lord above alluded to. Lord Bathurſt has undoubtedly always been high in the eſtimation of his Sovereign. Paſſive obedience is a great virtue in ſome people's opinion; but this is the firſt point, of any conſequence, that the other has ever been known to give up.

"The Duke of Northumberland has certainly been offered the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland; but it is not by any means thought that his Grace will accept it.

"Mr Bowes ſtill continues dangerouſly ill in the King's Bench Priſon, attended by Dr Kennedy, and two ſurgeons, who cannot yet determine whether his head is fractured, or not. Since his commitment, ſeveral detainers have come againſt him for debt to a very large amount, and others are daily expected. He is to be removed to the Fleet Priſon, to which he will be ſent by the Lord Chancellor. Lady Strathmore being under the protection of the Court of Chancery, the Chancellor, it is ſaid, chuſes to have him in his cuſtody, in preference to his remaining in the priſon of the King's Bench, where he now is for a contempt of Court."

The following are the Members of the Caledonian Hunt who met at Fortune's on Tueſday laſt. The annual meeting is appointed to be at Kelſo in October 1787.

LORD ELIBANK, Preſes.

Earl of Glencairn,	Right Hon. Henry Dundas, Treaſurer of the Navy,
Earl of Moray,	Colonel Wemyſs,
arl o Hadinton,	Mr Hamilton of Wiſhaw,
Earl of Breadalbine,	Captain Duncan,
Lord Haddo,	Captain Douglas,
Lord Torphichen,	Mr Hamilton of Pentcaithland,
Lord Elphinſton,	Mr M'Dowall of Garthland,
Lord Maitland,	Mr M'Queen,
Sir Archibald Hope,	Mr Houſton of Calderhal,
Sir James Baird,	Colonel Campbell,
Sir John Scott,	Mr Houſton of Jordanhill,
Sir William Maxwell,	Mr Renton,
Sir William Cunningham,	Mr Haggart.
Sir William Dick,	
Sir John Whiteford,	
Sir William Erſkine,	

The Natural Hiſtory Society met on Thurſday, and made choice of the following Gentlemen as officers for the enſuing year:—

Profeſſor John Walker, Honorary Preſident.
Meſſ. John Heath, James M'Intoſh, John Haſlam, Thomas Smith, } Preſidents.
James Cunningham, Treaſurer.
Charles Stewart Secretary.

On Saturday, came on the election of the Annual Preſidents of the Royal Medical Society, when the following Gentlemen were choſen:

Dr Edmund Goodwyn,
Mr William Alexander,
Mr James Mackintoſh,
Mr John Haſlam.

Betwixt laſt night and this morning, a tobacconiſt's ſhop in the front of the Exchange was broke into, and a canniſter carried off, containing Bank notes to the extent of twelve or thirteen pounds Sterling. Five of the notes were of the Bank of Perth.

On Wedneſday morning, about two o'clock, as three young men were returning home from ſupper, they were attacked at the end of Briſto-Street by four men with bludgeons, apparently journeymen maſons, from their dreſs, and having leather aprons on. Without the ſmalleſt provocation, they knocked down two of the gentlemen, dragged them through the kennel, kicked and beat them with their ſticks in a moſt inhuman manner; and one of them is now confined to bed, owing to the bruiſes he received, and ſeveral wounds in his head.

On the evening of the 23d of October laſt, a grey gelding was ſtolen from the farm of Crombie Lands in the pariſh of Cramond and ſhire of Edinburgh. The proprietor being a member of the Dalkeith Farmer Society, every exertion was uſed, at the expence of ſaid ſociety, and under the direction of the Sheriff of Edinburgh, to recover the horſe and ſecure the thief. In conſequence whereof the horſe was recovered at Schaling Dam, forty-ſix miles beyond Durham, from whence he was brought to Edinburgh on the 25th ultimo, in virtue of the Sheriff's warrant. At the time the horſe was recovered there, the perſon who ſtole him, and whoſe reſidence is in a remote part of Yorkſhire, had returned to Scotland, whereby he was not then apprehended. But meaſures being concerted to ſecure him on his return to England, yeſterday notice was received, that John Johnſtone, the perſon who ſtole the horſe, was apprehended, and impriſoned in the Caſtle of York, from whence he will ſoon be brought to Edinburgh to ſtand trial.

Johnſtone, when apprehended on the 4th current, near York, had in his cuſtody a black horſe, which he had lately brought from Scotland, and which, it is preſumed, has been ſtolen by him. He likewiſe, in ſummer laſt, brought from Scotland other two horſes at different times, the one a black gelding, with a long tail, and the other a dark cheſnut gelding with a long bob tail, about fifteen hands high. Both theſe horſes are alſo ſuppoſed to have been ſtolen.

The Diligence, Butler, is arrived at Leith from London, with goods.

The Star, Denoon, from Leith, for London, put into the Humber the 5th curt. all well.

The Diligence of Kirkcaldy, Captain Moyes, arrived at Kirkcaldy from Memel the 7th inſtant. She left Memel the 23d November.

The Elizabeth, Captain Sym, is arrived at the Queensferry, from Montreal and Quebec, with ſeveral paſſengers.

The Humber, Eliſon, from Hull, for Bremen, has foundered near the Naze of Norway; moſt of the crew were taken up by a Dutch veſſel, and carried into the Texel.

The Maria, Walker, from North Shields, for the Texel, laden with coals, has been lately wrecked on the coaſt of Zealand, and ſeveral of the hands loſt.

The Elizabeth, of Whitby, Thomas Woodhouſe, Maſter, from Larning, in Norway, burthen 600 tons, bound to London, with a cargo of deals, came on ſhore at Mumby Caſtle, on the Lincoſhire coaſt, on the night of the 25th ult. It is expected the cargo will be ſaved.

In conſequence of the plan adopted by the Dalkeith Farmer Society, for the encouragement of ploughing within the pariſhes connected with that Society, under the patronage, and in conſequence of contributions made by the Noblemen and Gentlemen within theſe pariſhes, on Saturday the 2d day of December current, 19 two-horſe ploughs from that diſtrict of the ſaid Society, which comprehends the pariſhes of Newbattle, Cockpen and Primroſe, appeared, and were ſet to work upon a field near to the houſe of Cockpen, previous meaſures being taken to preſerve good order amongſt the competitors, as well as to prevent interruption from the numerous ſpectators who were aſſembled on the occaſion. The field was ſet off in lots, equally proportioned, and each competitor entered to work by ballot. They began work about 9 o'clock in the morning, and finiſhed about three o'clock in the afternoon, each plough having laboured about half a Scots acre of land to great purpoſe. When the work was finiſhed and the ploughs were removed from the field, the judges appointed to determine the preferences proceeded to the ground, where they narrowly inſpected the work, and formed their opinion reſpecting the ploughmen who were entitled to the three prizes to be given on the occaſion; but in place of declaring their opinions at the time, the judges tranſmitted the ſame in a letter to the general monthly committee of the Dalkeith Farmer Society, which met on Thurſday laſt, by which the judges gave the firſt prize, being a ſilver medal, value 15s. with the like ſum in money, to James Borthwick, ſervant to Mr William Lowry farmer in Pardivine; the ſecond, being 15 s. to John Samuel, ſervant to the Earl of Dalhouſie; and the third, being 10 s. to James Thomſon, ſervant to Mr George Thomſon, farmer in Dalhouſie. The judges took this method of commvnicating their reſolution, in place of doing it at the time, to prevent any ſort of jarring amongſt the competitors. In ſhort, this firſt attempt for the improvement of agriculture, by way of competition, within the above diſtrict, was conducted throughout the whole with the utmoſt propriety, and to the entire ſatisfaction of the ſpectators, as well as the competitors. A continuation of ſimilar efforts, it is hoped, will prove of great ſervice to agriculture, which was the ſole view of thoſe who firſt ſet on foot, and promoted the plan.

Monday laſt, on digging a grave in the churchyard, Kelſo, an entire human ſkeleton was found in a coffin compoſed of ſquare flag-ſtones neatly put together, and beſide it a wooden rod gilt all over, but no farther diſcovery was attempted to be made.

Saturday laſt, Mr Ker of Nenthorn's hounds ſtarted a fox at Mertown, run him by Smallholm, Mellerſtain, Byrewall's Mill, Maxmill, Wetherly, the top of Twinlawhill, and killed him half way back to Wetherly, a run of thirty miles, on a moderate computation.

The ſnow was ſo deep laſt week among the hills on the border, that many farmers were obliged to feed their ſheep with hay.

Wedneſday ſe'enight, being the day appointed for opening the election for a member to repreſent the city of Carliſle in Parliament, in the room of the Duke of Norfolk, a great number of gentlemen appeared at the huſtings. Mr Chriſtian, the preſent member for the city of Carliſle, in a ſhort addreſs to the freemen, propoſed Mr Stephenſon, as a perſon perfectly eligible; from his connexions in the county, his friendly diſpoſition to the rights of the citizens, his unqueſtionable good character, and his property. Mr Senhouſe, member for Cockermouth, propoſed Mr Knubly. Mr Jackſon, of Catgill-hall, in a ſpeech of conſiderable length, took a view of the merits and pretenſions of both candidates; which was allowed to be a piece of excellent declamation.

The ſtate of the poll on Tueſday night was,

For Rowland Stephenſon, Eſq; 120
For Edward Knubly, Eſq; 120

A ſmall *faux pas* was made by an elector in one of Mr Knubley's tallies on Friday. On being aſked who he voted for, he anſwered "for Lowther."

The poll has been much retarded by all the oaths being adminiſtered to every voter.

On Monday, about three in the afternoon, Mr Lunardi aſcended with his balloon from the area of the White Cloth Hall, Leeds, amidſt the acclamations of at leaſt 30,000 ſpectators. He roſe in his uſual ſublime and majeſtic manner to a great elevation. The balloon took a N. E. direction, and after traverſing the atmoſphere about an hour, Mr Lunardi deſcended ſafe in Clifford fields, near Mr J. Taite's, at Thorpe-Arch. A young gentleman who had agreed with Mr Lunardi to aſcend with him, met with a moſt ſerious diſappointment on finding that the balloon, on being inflated, would take up only one perſon. However he ſtill inſiſted upon aſcending without Mr Lunardi, till after a long altercation with his friends, during which the populace grew impatient to have the balloon liberated, he yielded to their intreaties, and Mr Lunardi was permitted to aſcend, and gave great ſatisfaction.

Extract of a letter from Captain James Patrick, of the Betſey, from North Carolina, to his Owners in Glaſgow, dated Sound of Iſlay, 1ſt December, 1786.

"We ſailed from Ocrocock bar on the 15th October, and arrived here on the 30th November, after a very dangerous paſſage. During the voyage, we were obliged to cut away the mizen maſt; had the cambooſe, a good many ſpars, and one man waſhed over board. We heaved overboard a good many hogſheads tobacco and ſtaves to ſave the ſhip from foundering; both pumps were kept going; ſhipped ſeveral very heavy ſeas, which waſhed away the boat, boltſprit head, and every thing that was on deck, not leaving a ſingle ſpar but two top-maſts; loſt all our ſails but fore-ſail and top-ſail, and theſe very much torn, which will oblige us to ſtay a day or two here to put our ſails and rigging in order; the ſhip is very leaky, and one pump is conſtantly going."

The firſt LEITH ASSEMBLY, for this ſeaſon, is to be on Thurſday next, the 14th current. To begin at Six o'clock in the evening.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, Dec. 7. Iſobel and Mary, Caithneſs, from Dundee, with hemp; Eil, Jeckling, from Burnham, with grain; Margaret, Arthur, from Grangemouth, with potatoes, &c.; Aurora, Gavin, from Hamburgh, with wood; Peggy, Young, from Dyſart, in ballaſt; Buſick, Simers, from Burnham, with grain; Jean, Ferrier, from Glaſgow, with bran.—8. Oak, Wellbank, from Hull, with wood; Friendſhip, Murray, from Perth, with grain; Three Friends, Welſh, from Inverneſs, with goods; four ſloops with coals.

MONEY LOST.

THERE was dropt by a Clerk this forenoon, in the Parliament Houſe, or betwixt that and the Netherbow, TWELVE GUINEA NOTES of the houſe of Sir William Forbes and Company. If they have been found by any perſon, on returning them to the Publiſher, they will be handſomely rewarded.



AT LONDON—FOR LEITH,
THE LIVINGSTON,
ALEXANDER GORDON Maſter,
Now lying at Hawley's Wharf, taking in goods for Leith, and will ſail 19th December, to be depended on.
For freight or paſſage apply to the Maſter at the Edinburgh Coffeehouſe, or at the Wharf.

On Wedneſday next will be Publiſhed
By JOHN ROBERTSON,
At his Printing Office, Old Fiſhmarket Cloſe,
THE
UNIVERSAL SCOTS ALMANACK,
FOR 1787.
Bookſellers in the Country will pleaſe remit cash with their orders, as the Almanacks are ſold for ready money only.—Price the ſame as laſt year.—The Bookſellers of Glaſgow and neighbourhood, may apply to Meſſ J. & M. Robertſon, Saltmarket.

On Wedneſday next the 13th, will be publiſhed,
WILLIAM CREECH's
SALE CATALOGUE OF BOOKS,
FOR 1787.
Containing a very CAPITAL Collection of BOOKS, in the ſeveral branches of Science and Literature.
This Collection contains the principal Authors, ancient and modern, and of the moſt eſteemed editions. The Books are in fine condition, and many of them new and elegantly bound.

Chamber of Commerce,
Edinburgh, Dec. 9. 1786.
AT the General Meeting of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, on Wedneſday laſt the 6th curt. the Report of the Committee appointed to take under conſideration the alteration of the Corn Law, was read, and canvaſſed at conſiderable length. Upon a motion by Sir James Hunter Blair, a copy of the report was ordered to lie at Mr Creech's ſhop at the Croſs, Edinburgh, and another with Mr James Morriſon, jun. Leith, for eight days, that the Directors and Members might have an opportunity of deliberately conſidering the ſame, previous to the meeting on Wedneſday next the 13th curt.
WILLIAM CREECH,
JAMES MORRISON Jun. } Secretaries.

British State Lottery, 1786,
Begins drawing 12th February 1787.——Not two Blanks to a Prize.
THE Tickets and Shares, from a HALF to a SIXTEENTH, are ſelling by
JAMES THOMSON AND SON,
INSURANCE BROKERS,
At their Lottery Office, oppoſite to the Croſs, Edinburgh, being the only Licenſed Dealers in Scotland on their own account.

SCHEME.

No. of Prizes.		Value of each.		Total Value.
2	of	L. 20,000	is	L. 40,000
3		10,000		30,000
5	—	5,000	—	25,000
10		2,000		20,000
15	—	1000	—	15,000
30		500		15,000
100	—	100	—	10,000
250		50		12,500
16,275	—	20	—	325,500
16,690	Prizes,			L. 493,000
	Firſt drawn ticket, the 1ſt, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, and 16th days, 1000 l. each,			6,000
	Laſt drawn,			1,000
33,310	Blanks.			
50,000	Tickets,			L. 500,000

Correct numerical and regiſter books are kept, and tickets and ſhares regiſtered at 6d. each number.
Letters poſt paid duly anſwered—Schemes gratis.

TO LET FURNISHED,
A HOUSE in PRINCE's STREET,
No 15. Not to be repeated.

To be SOLD by public roup,
THE whole Hardware and Jewellery GOODS, and Materials and Tools for Edge-tool making, belonging to Thomas Laing, Edge-tool Maker in Edinburgh.
The Hardware and Jewellery Goods will be ſeen at his ſhop, Bridge Street; and the Materials and Tools for Edge-tool making, at his work ſhop in Shakeſpeare's Square, any time betwixt and Wedneſday next, where they will in the mean time be ſold off by private bargain at prime coſt.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 20th of December curt. at ſix o'clock afternoon,
The Lands of Halftown, Ardinſlatt,
Orchyard, and Inveravegan, lying in the united pariſhes of Dunoon and Kilmun, and pariſh of Inverachellan, lordſhip of Cowal, and county of Argyle.
I. The Town and Lands of HALFTOWN, and teinds thereof, including Ardinſlatt and Dalliag, conſiſting of about 619 Scots acres, whereof about 130 are arable, 40 in wood, and the reſt in paſture. Theſe lands are ſituated along the north ſide of the frith of Clyde, within ſix miles of the thriving and populous town of Greenock. There is a ſlated manſion-houſe on the Halftown, and a good deal of natural wood, conſiſting of oak, aſh, and birch. The lands command a noble view of the river and frith of Clyde, the iſland of Cumbray, Bute, and Arran, and part of the counties of Ayr and Renfrew. Theſe lands afford moſt delightful ſituations for building; labour is cheap, coal, lime, and a ready market are at hand; and about 400 acres of the land being in a ſtate of nature, and a good ſoil, are highly improveable.—There are no leaſes on the ſaid lands; they are exempted from thirlage, and the tenants pay all public burdens, ceſs excepted.—Eſtimating very moderately ſome lands about the manſion-houſe, in the proprietor's poſſeſſion, and putting no value upon the woods, the preſent rent is 121 l. Sterling; but, by laying out a ſmall ſum in incloſing and improvement, the rent may be much encreaſed. There are blue ſlate quarries in the ſaid lands, on the edge of the frith, and plenty of moſs upon the eſtate, and the coaſt abounds with ſea-ware for making kelp.
II. The Town and Lands of ORCHYARD, and teinds thereof, together with the half-merk land of COLLY, and ferry boat of the ſame, conſiſting of about 198 Scots acres, whereof about 60 are arable, 32 meadow and green paſture, and the reſt good muir paſture. Orchyard lies at the head of Holyloch, in view of the Clyde, and along the ſide of a fine trouting river. Theſe lands have never been improved, and are capable of it in a high degree, as the green and muir paſture are flat, and may be converted into arable ground, the means being eaſy and cheap. The tenants pay all the public burdens, and their leaſes expire at next Whitſunday. Converting the meal and caſualties at the uſual rates, the preſent very low rent of theſe lands is 30 l. 3 s. 8 d.
III. The Lands of INVERAVEGAN, lying alongſt the eaſt ſide of that arm of the ſea, called Lochſtrevan, is at preſent in paſture, of a conſiderable extent, and very fit for a ſheep walk. They are under leaſe till Whitſunday 1796, at a rent of 32 l. excluſive of public burdens, which the tenant pays all, except 4 s. 5½d. of feu-duty.
The whole of theſe lands are ſituated in a fine ſporting country, well ſtored with game and fiſh, and in the vicinity of good markets.
The lands will be ſold together, or in ſuch ſeparate lots as purchaſers ſhall incline; and for the encouragement of purchaſers, a very conſiderable part of the price may lie in their hands upon proper ſecurity.
Plans and rentals of the lands will be ſhown by Mr George Farquhar, writer in Edinburgh, to whom, or to Mr John Campbell, writer in Greenock, intending purchaſers may apply for particulars; and a ſervant at the houſe of Halftown will ſhew the lands.
N. B. After converſing with ſome intended offerers, it is propoſed to expoſe the lands of Inveravegan in one Lot; and the lands of Halftoun, Ardinſlat, and Orchard, in another Lot. The wood on this laſt lot has lately been meaſured, and valued at 370 l. Sterling.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

EDINBURGH, *November* 25. 1786.

MR PALMER having now extended his plan for a more regular, safe, and expeditious conveyance of his Majesty's Mails to and from Edinburgh, by Mail-Coaches, Notice is hereby given, That the Mails *for London*, and all places short thereof, by the way of Berwick, will be dispatched from this Office, by that conveyance, every day in the week, except THURSDAY, at four o'clock; and Letters will be received till half past three o'clock in the afternoons; to commence on Monday next, the 27th instant Bags for Haddington, Dunbar Press, Dunse, and Berwick, will be dispatched by the same conveyance. The arrivals will be every day in the week, except WEDNESDAYS, early in the mornings.

N. B The Coaches set out from, and arrive at Mr Drysdale's, Cowgate Port.

By Order of the Postmaster General,
DAVID ROSS Sec.

ROYAL MAIL-COACH,

FROM EDINBURGH TO LONDON,
By way of Berwick and Newcastle,

SETS off from WILLIAM DRYSDALE's Cowgate Port, every day in the week, at a quarter before four o'clock in the afternoon, and arrives early the next morning in Newcastle.

The Proprietors are happy to have it in their power to inform the public, that the many reports which have been so industriously propagated respecting the accidents said to have befallen the Mail-Coach from here to Newcastle, are void of foundation. Gentlemen who have travelled by this mode of conveyance have declared their approbation of it; and the public may depend upon every exertion on the part of the Proprietors, to render the conveyance safe and pleasant.

The Guards have positive orders from the Proprietors, not to allow any passengers to be taken into the coach upon the road, without an entry of such passengers being properly and regularly made at the first stage. The conduct of drivers of stage coaches has long been a matter of just complaint, in admitting without distinction people of all descriptions. This inconvenience the Proprietors of the Mail-Coach undertake to remedy.

The Mail-Coaches are entirely new, and built upon an approved construction. Imperials will be added to the tops for the purpose of enclosing small parcels, deeds, or writings, that will not bear the friction of the carriage.

All parcels of value brought to the office of William Drysdale, to be forwarded by the Mail-Coach, must be entered as such, their value declared, and paid for accordingly, as the Proprietors will not be answerable for any such parcels, without such delaration and payment being made in proportion to their value.

N. B. It is necessary to inform those who may have occasion to send parcels for the imperials or top trunks, that these trunks are six inches deep, and no parcels of a greater thickness can be carried in them.

BY ORDER OF THE HONOURABLE
COMMISSIONERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S CUSTOMS.

THERE is to be exposed to SALE, at the Customhouse, Leith, on Tuesday the 11th instant, at twelve o'clock,

1 Piece containing 25 yards Black Silk.
7 Pieces India Silk Handkerchiefs.
18 Dozen and 19 Barcelona Silk Handkerchiefs.
All for exportation.

A Brewery or Distillery to Let,

And Household Furniture and Brewing Utensils
TO BE SOLD.

TO be LET and entered to immediately, That large and commodious BREWERY at Newington, in the Causeyside near Edinburgh, possessed by James Megget, consisting of a large Barn and two Lofts above the same, Kiln and Coble; a large Brew-house, Stable, and Cellars, with Lofts above the stable and cellars, and a large Garden adjoining—There is also a Dwelling-house of three rooms and a kitchen, with garrets.

This subject will answer either for a Brewery or Distillery and will be let for any number of years that may be agreed on.

If not set in tack just now, the Malting will be let till Whitsunday next.

For particulars application may be made to Mr Alexander Scott, brewer at Fountain Bridge, or Mr Scott at Gifford's Park.

The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and BREWING UTENSILS will be sold by roup on the ground of the premisses, upon Wednesday the 27th of December curt.

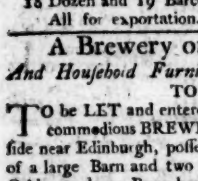
Just arrived from London, by the last Ships,

A Fresh Cargo of Adams's Solvent for the STONE and GRAVEL, and is to be sold by ALEXANDER MANNERS merchant, below the Guard, south side of the Street, second shop above the Tron Church, in bottles at one guinea, half a guinea, and five shillings and sixpence each, and no where else in Scotland—Prepared by S. PERRY surgeon, London.

This Day is Published, price bound 3s.
(Dedicated to the Royal College of Physicians, London),
A New Edition, being the Sixth, of
A DISQUISITION OF THE STONE AND GRAVEL; In which the occult causes of the stone are assigned, its principles explained, shewing by what means a nucleus is formed, which generates the stone, &c. &c.; likewise for distinguishing those from other diseases; the inefficacy of soapy lixiviums pointed out, together with a certain cure for this disorder, proved and illustrated by several remarkable cases. Likewise observations on the Gout, when combined with the Stone.
By S. PERRY, SURGEON.

SALE OF THE
Sloop Glasgow Packet of Montrose.

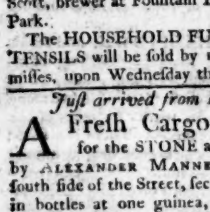
TO be SOLD by roup, within the house of George Bean, vintner in Montrose, upon Wednesday the 3d day of January next, betwixt the hours of three and four afternoon,

THE SLOOP

GLASGOW PACKET
OF MONTROSE,

Sixty tons burden.—She is a strong well built vessel, only two years old, well found, and of small draught of water, and exceedingly well calculated either for the coasting or fishing trade.

Charles Thomson, writer in Montrose, will show the inventory and conditions of sale.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the house of Peter Buchanan vintner in Port-Glasgow, on Tuesday the 19th December 1786, betwixt the hours of twelve and two o'clock mid-day,


The Ship CYCLOPS,

Burden about 280 tons, (well calculated for any trade, or may be fitted out for Greenland at an easy expence) as she lies in the harbour of Port-Glasgow.

Inventory and conditions of sale to be seen in the hands of John Dunlop or James Shaw, merchants there; to whom persons intending to purchase betwixt and the day of sale may apply

SALE OF AREAS.

By Order of the Trustees for Building a Bridge over the Cowgate, &c.

THERE are to be exposed to Sale by public Roup, within the Old Justiciary Court-house, in Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 27th day of December curt. at five o'clock afternoon,

FOUR AREAS or LOTS for building, on the east side of South Bridge Street, being numbers VII. VIII. IX. and X. the last being the corner area at the Cowgate arch,—Each area will consist of about 48 feet in front along Bridge-street, the 7th and 10th Lots 33 feet in width, and the 8th and 9th 32 feet in width.

The purchaser of the 7th Lot will have a right to two of the arches under the street, the length of the middle or cross wall, with the materials of Mary's Chapel, and the smith's shop on the north thereof, on the east side of Niddry's Wynd.

The purchaser of the 8th Lot will have right to one of the said arches, the length of the said wall, and to the materials of the houses belonging to the Wrights and Masons, on the south side of Mary's Chapel, and east side of Niddry's Wynd

The purchaser of the 9th Lot will have right to two of the arches under the street, the length of the said wall, and to the meterials of Dallas's tenement, on the east side of Niddry's Wynd.

And the purchasers of the corner or 10th Lot will also have right to two of the said arches, to the length of the said cross wall, and to the materials of the corner tenement at the foot and on the east side of Niddry's Wynd.

All these arches are 20 feet span at the spring of the arch, and several stories of vaults may be made in each of them.

The Trustees will build the south gable of the 10th Lot, being the wall fronting the Cowgate, from the foundation to the height of the Cowgate Street.

The entry to the premisses to be on the 26th day of May next.

The price to bear interest from Whitsunday 1788, and to be payable the one half at Martinmas 1788, and the other half at Martinmas 1789.

N. B. The Trustees will not object to the purchasers entering sooner, provided they make an agreement for that purpose with any others concerned.

The conditions of sale will be shown by John Gray writer to the signet; and a plan and elevation of the intended buildings will be shown by Robert Kay, surveyor to the Trustees, at his house in Sandiland's close.

FARMS TO LET.

TO be LET for such number of years as shall be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday next, the following FARMS, lying in the counties of Peebles and Lanark.

JEDDERFIELD, in the parish of Peebles, presently possessed by David Grieve.

LYNE and HALLYNE, in the parish of Lyne, presently possessed by Alexander Gray.

HAMILDEAN, in the said parish of Lyne, presently possessed by the said Alexander Gray

BROADMEADOW, in the parish of Peebles, presently possessed by Walter Ritchie.

ALSO

The Farm of WHITECAMP, in the parish of Crawfordmuir, and county of Lanark, presently possessed by John Brown.

Persons inclining to become Tacksmen of any of the above farms, will please give in their proposals to John Tait writer to the signet, Parkplace, Edinburgh, or to John M'Murdo Esq; at Drumlanrig, between and the first day of January next; and none of the offers will be made public, but such as shall be accepted of.

A FARM TO LET.

To be LET for such a number of years as can be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THE LANDS of HERMISTONE, in the parish of Lilliesleaf, and shire of Roxburgh, consisting of about 500 acres, arable land, of which there are 150 acres divided into five Inclosures with double ditches and hedges, and 12 acres haugh ground, lying on both sides Ale water.

This farm is situated near good market towns, being only a few miles distant from Selkirk, Hawick, Jedburgh, Kelso, and Melrose, where there is demand for the Corns and Cattle produced on the farm.

These lands may be improven at an easy rate, being within two miles of marl, which is sold at a moderate price.

Proposals may be given in to William Govan in the Lawn Market, Edinburgh, the proprietor; in whose possession the greatest part has been for upwards of two years, and the whole since Whitsunday last.

TO be SOLD by public Roup, within John's Coffeehouse, on Wednesday the 3d January next, betwixt the hours of one and two afternoon.

That Tenement of Land fronting the

high street of Canongate, with the house and yard to the back thereof, bounded by the back street of Canongate on the North, and lying immediately to the East of the Canongate Church and yard, as the same are possessed by Robert Weir and others, at the yearly rent of 21 l. 9 s. Sterling. The subjects hold feu of the Magistrates of Edinburgh, as superiors, for payment of a small feu-duty. The garden ground, the foot of which reaches to the North back of the Canongate, consists of about 288 feet in length from South to North, and upwards of 65 feet in breadth from East to West; and from its open exposure to the West, and easy access from the high street and back of the Canongate, is particularly adapted for erecting dwelling houses, or any kind of Manufactory.

The progress of writs which are clear, together with the articles of roup, are in the hands of James Marshall writer to the signet, who has power to conclude a private bargain, any time before the day of sale; and the subjects themselves will be shown by Robert Weir, one of the tenants.

NOTICE.

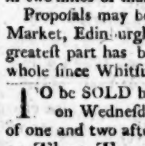
THOSE who were addebted to the deceased ADAM MURRAY, baker in Edinburgh, at the time of his death, by open accompt, or otherwise, are intreated to pay the same to Mrs Murray, his relict, who is properly authorised to uplift and discharge. And those to whom the said Adam Murray stood addebted, are requested to lodge exact notes of their debts either with Mrs Murray, or George Cairncross and William Murray, jun. writers.

Notice to Creditors.

THE CREDITORS of ALEXANDER DORWARD, late tenant of the farm of Dumbertnot, in the parish of Lunan, and shire of Forfar, are hereby requested to lodge exact lists of the debt due to them by him, with their several oaths of verity thereon, with John Ogilvie, writer in Montrose; and that betwixt and the 2d of March next, so as the said Alexander Dorward's debts may be distinctly ascertained, and his subjects brought to a proper division.

Not to be repeated.

SALE OF A VESSEL.


THAT upon Tuesday the 9th January next, betwixt the hours of one and two afternoon, there will be SOLD by public roup, within the Town-Hall of Dundee, the good Brigantine, or Vessel, named THE DUNDEE OF DUNDEE, as she presently lies in the harbour there; measuring 150 tons or thereabout, carpenter's measurement; built by Mr Syme at Leith, in 1783; well found, a remarkable fast sailer, and very proper for the Baltic or Mediterranean trade.—The inventory of the vessel, and articles of roup, may be seen in the hands of John Ogilvie writer in Dundee.

N. B. Not to be repeated.

Sale of Bank Stock,

TO be SOLD, Several SHARES of the CAPITAL STOCK in the BANK of SCOTLAND.

For particulars, enquire at William Bethune writer in Edinburgh

There are to be LET for such a number of years as may be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THE House, Offices, Garden, & Policy

of POTTERHILL, situated upon the east banks of the river Tay, near to the bridge of Perth, as presently possessed by James Farquharson, Esq; of Invercauld.

The house contains, upon the first floor, a dining room, drawing room, library, and parlour—Upon the second floor, five bed rooms—And upon the third floor, three bed rooms, and two garret rooms; and there are six sunk cellars below the house.

The offices, which are all in the best order, consist of a kitchen, servants room, laundry, brew house, milk house, stable, barn, byre, and coach shade.

There are about ten acres of arable land adjoining to the house and offices, which were last season under a crop of grass, and may be let along with the other subjects, if desired.

For particulars apply to James Beveridge, writer in Edinburgh, or to James Paton writer in Perth.

By Adjournment.

Sale of a House in Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, by Robert Donaldson writer to the signet, *curator bonis* to Robert Wilson surgeon in Edinburgh, under the authority of the Court of Session, upon Wednesday the 17th January 1787, at six o'clock afternoon, Lot VI of the said Robert Wilson's subjects, being

The TENEMENT of HOUSES in Advocate's Close, Edinburgh, consisting of three flats, commonly called the Shakespear Printing Office, as presently possessed by William Darling printer and bookseller, at the yearly rent of 20 l. Sterling; which, for the encouragement of purchasers, will be set up at 200 l. Sterling.

The articles of roup, and progress of writs, are to be seen in Mr Donaldson's hands, at any time before the sale.

WOODS TO BE SOLD.

THE whole NATURAL WOODS on the Estate of STOBHALL, lying within seven miles of the town of Perth, will be exposed to Sale by public roup, within the village of Cargill, near by the woods, on Thursday the 24th day of January next, at twelve o'clock noon.—The Woods are pretty extensive, and consist of Oak principally, together with Ash, Elm, Plaintree and Birch.

Thomas Gellatly ground-officer over the estate, will show the woods, and Patrick Alison of Newhall, Esq; by Cupar of angus, or William Lumsdaine clerk to signet, will show the articles of roup, and inform as to other particulars.

Houses and Shop to Sell.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 13th day of December curt at one o'clock afternoon,

The Two uppermost STORIES, and undermost STOREY, or a SHOP, of a Land called *M'Pherson's Land*, fronting the Cowgate of Edinburgh, at the foot of the Old Assembly Close, rent 19 l. 11 s. Sterling.

The articles of roup will be shown by Robert Playfair writer, Libberton's Wynd, Edinburgh, who has power to sell by private bargain betwixt and the day of roup.

SALE OF GIGHT.

ON Tuesday the 12th of December curt. betwixt the hours of six and seven o'clock afternoon, will be SOLD by Auction in John's Coffeehouse Edinburgh,

The Lands and Barony of GIGHT in Aberdeenshire, consisting of above 4500 acres, in the parish of Fyvie, and above 2000 acres in the parish of Methlic, all well accommodated with fuel, pleasantly situated, low rentalled, (betwixt 6 and 700 l. yearly) a great deal of wood, a good mansion-house on the side of the river Ythan, &c.

For further particulars apply to James Watson clerk to the signet, George-street, Edinburgh.

Lands in the neighbourhood of Stirling

FOR SALE.

TO be SOLD, within the Coffeehouse of Stirling, upon Wednesday the 20th day of December 1786, at four o'clock afternoon,

The LANDS of SHERIFFMUIRLAND, teind sheaves, and pertinents thereof. These lands are pleasantly situated on the banks of the Forth, in the midst of a plentiful country, a little beyond the bridge, and within a mile of the town of Stirling, hard by the great road leading from thence to the north and west countries. They consist of upwards of sixteen acres of the richest carse grounds, all lying contiguous and well inclosed, besides a small tract of pasturage ground along the banks of the river. On the premisses, there are a commodious dwelling house, with proper offices, and a large garden inclosed with a wall. The house, and greater part of the other buildings, are newly built. But the value and advantage of these lands are greatly increased by an extensive harbour erected by the late proprietor, Mr Duncanson, to enable him to carry on to the best advantage his wood, iron, and lime trade. The idea of erecting this harbour was suggested by the late Lord Kaimes, and some other gentlemen in the west country, who thought the shore of Sheriffmuirlands the most proper and most centrical place for supplying the north and west country in these articles; and indeed had the late proprietor lived, he would certainly have found it was so, as it is not only more centrical for that trade than the shore of Stirling, but also free from the dues payable there. The entry to the harbour is immediately from the road, where carts can be easily loaded and unloaded. There is no other place in the neighbourhood that can compete with this in any of the above trades; for none are possessed of such advantages. So centrical and advantageous a situation seldom appears in the market.

The lands hold of a subject-superior, for payment of a trifling annual feu-duty: and, if not sold in whole, will be divided into two lots

For particulars apply to Robert Banks junior, accomptant, or to Alexander Littlejohn writer in Stirling.

Stirling, 9th October 1786

ROE's ENGLISH COFFEE.

THIS Coffee, which is a composition of the choiceest aromatic and balsamic herbs, roots, barks, &c has been in general use for many years, and is in the highest repute as a substitute where tea and foreign coffee do not agree, and as a restorative to weak and decayed constitutions. Its power is gentle; for it acts only as an alterative, and a corrector of the blood and juices; but by continuance it is found to be an admirable remedy for asthmas, coughs of long standing, consumptions, low spirits, and nervous complaints; whether they arise from a delicacy in the habit, irregular living or advanced years. It is perfectly safe and salubrious, very agreeable to the taste, and much more nutrimental than any of the common restoratives.—It has always been held in high estimation by many of the Faculty; and was very much recommended and prescibed by that eminent physician, the late Dr Fothergill.

Sold only, by appointment of the proprietor, by F. NEWBERY, at the east end of St Paul's, No. 45, five doors from the corner of Cheapside, London; in canisters, price 2s. 6d each, and 3d. stamp duty, or six for 14s.; and, as a security against counterfeits, the name of F. Newbery is engraved in the stamps, by favour of the commissioners, the imitation of which will be a capital offence.

Sold by Messrs Husband, Elder and Co. at Edinburgh.


FOR LONDON,

THE BRIGANTINE,
MARGAGRET and ANNE,
ALEXANDER COMB Master,

Is now taking in goods in Leith harbour, and will be ready to sail the 16th current.

Apply to the Master on board, or at his house in Tolbooth Wynd, Leith.

Sale of Houses

At Toll Cross, and in Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD, by private bargain, and entered to at Whitsunday next, the Following SUBJECTS, viz.

I. The LARGE NEW DWELLING-HOUSE at Toll-Cross, belonging to Mr Wilson, containing in the ground-flat, kitchen, parlour, two rooms, two closets, and coal-house;—in the second flat, dining-room, drawing-room, two bed-chambers and closets;—in the third flat, a kitchen and closet, dining-room, three bed-chambers, and two closets, nursery, and two garrets;—in the garden, a washing-house, stable, and office house, with the garden surrounding the same, of about half an acre This house may be occupied either jointly or in two separate houses. It is situated very near Lothian Road, near the late extended royalty of Edinburgh, and will be a very pleasant summer residence for one or two families. The premisses are held blench of a subject superior, and if not sold will be LET.

II. The FORE TENEMENT of LAND, SHOP, and CELLAR, with the fore and back entries thereto, and whole pertinents, lying at the foot of the Canongate, within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyrood house, as presently possessed by Mr Peter Rattray grocer and subtenants by tack, for eleven years from Whitsunday 1781, with a breach in favour of the tacksman at the end of the first seven years, at the yearly rent of 19 l. Sterling.

III. That DWELLING-HOUSE, under and above, south side Canongate, Old Play-house Close, consisting of two storeys and garrets, and an area in front of 26½ feet in length, presently possessed by Charles Maclean and George Kinnear, at the yearly rent of 12 l Sterling as principal, and in warrandice three several houses in the Pleasance, belonging to Andrew Hogg brewer in Canongate.

The title-deeds to be seen in the hands of Robert Donaldson writer to the signet; to whom purchasers may apply for further particulars.

Sale of Lands in East-Lothian.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, witin John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Monday the 11th December 1786, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

Certain Parts and Farms of the Lands and Barony of WESTER PENTCAITLAND, lying in the parish of Pentcaitland, and county of Haddington, viz.

HUNTLAW MAINS, LAMPUCHWELLS, | MILTON and MILL, Feu-Duty and Superiority of Magrie.

To be exposed either together or separately, as purchasers may incline.

These lands are all contiguous, and of considerable extent, and capable of great improvement, being situated in the centre of a fertile country, and in the neighbourhood of the markets of Haddington, Dalkeith, Musselburgh, &c possessing in themselves every mean of improvement, there being coal and lime in all these farms. The whole are held blench of the Crown, and the property-lands which are separately valued, exclusive of the superiority of Maigrie, standing rated in the cess-books at 826 l. 2 s. 4 d. Scots, afford two freehold qualifications in the county of Haddington. There are complete heritable rights to the teinds, and the public burdens are exceedingly moderate. The church and manse of Pentcaitland are in perfect repair, and there never has been any assessment for poors rates in the parish, there being mortified funds fully sufficient for the maintenance of the poor.

If these properties are not sold together, it is proposed to expose them separately in the following lots:

I. HUNTLAW MAINS.—This farm consists of about 340 Scots acres of arable land, a considerable part of it is inclosed, and the tenant is bound to uphold the inclosures, and leave them in a sufficient fencible condition. There are stripes of planting on the boundaries of this farm to a considerable extent, and in a thriving condition The present rent and conversions of the kain and carriages (hens at 7 d.) is 131 l. 13 s. Sterling. Of the present tack there are six years to run after Martinmas 1786, and this lease was given out of favour to the tenant in 1771, fifteen pounds sterling per annum under his own offer, when the farm was wholly unincloſed; and from a late accurate survey and inspection of the grounds, by persons of skill, it is assured this farm would yield on a new lease, and be very moderately rented at 170 l. Sterling per annum, which is only about 10 s. per Scots acre.—The upset-price to be 4300 l. Sterling, which is little more than 25 years purchase of the computed rent, and about 29 years purchase of the rent offered fifteen years ago, when the farm was unincloſed.—This farm stands separately rated in the cess books at 207 l. 3 s. 9 d. Scots.

II. LAMPUCHWELLS.—This farm consists of about 244 Scots acres of arable land, and is wholly inclosed and subdivided, and the tenant is bound to uphold the inclosures, and leave them in a sufficient fencible condition. The present rent and conversions of the kain and carriages is 145 l 12 s Sterling—Of the present lease there are 14 years to run after Martinmas 1786; and this lease was also given out of favour to the present tenant in the 1775. 10 l. Sterling per annum under what was then offered, when the farm was wholly unincloſed; and it is assured this farm would yield on a new leafe, and be very moderately rented at 170 l. Sterling.—The upset-price to be 4000 l. Sterling, which is little more than 23 years purchase of the computed rent, and not 26 years purchase of the rent offered eleven years ago, when the farm was wholly unincloſed. This farm stands separately rated in the cess-books at 328 l. 13 s. 7 d. Scots.

III. MILTON and MILL.—This farm consists of about 150 Scots acres, on which there is an excellent steading, and good offices; is completely inclosed and subdivided, and the tenant bound to uphold the inclosures and houses, &c. and leave the whole in a sufficient condition. The present rent and conversion of the kain and carriages is only 88 l 14 s. 2 d. Sterling, and of the present lease there are thirteen years to run after Martinmas 1786. This lease, on the conditions of building and inclosing, &c. was granted in the 1767, the farm having formerly, when unincloſed, set for 100 l. Sterling; and by the tenant's account 600 l Sterling has been since expended on the buildings and inclosing, &c. On the survey and inspection before mentioned, it is assured, that the land in this farm, exclusive of the thirlage, would yield on a new lease, and be very moderately rented at 150 l Sterling per annum.—The upset-price to be 1500 l. Sterling, which is little more than 23 years purchase of the computed rent: And, if this farm is sold separately it is intended to abolish the thirlage at the ish of the present lease.—This farm stands separately rated in the cess-books at 200 l. 5 s. Scots.

There are inexhaustible fields of limestone on this farm, of which great advantage and profit may be made; and the boundaries of each lot are perfectly regular and distinct.

IV. Feu-duty and Superiority of MAIGRIE.—These lands are held in feu by General Fletcher of Salton, for payment of an annual feu-duty of 45 l. 10 s. 10 d. Sterling, with the conversion of carriages, &c. amounting in all to 47 l. 12 s. 8 d Sterling.—Present real rent about 92 l. Sterling per annum. The casualties of superiority are taxed to trifling elusory duties.—The upset-price to be 25 years purchase of the feu-duty, and one year's real rent for the superiority, which lands separately rated in the cess-books at 207 l. 17 s. 9 d. Scots.

For further particulars apply to George Jaffrey, writer in Edinburgh, who will receive offers and treat for a sale by private bargain, betwixt and the day of roup.

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